

Dear FCC,

I submit that the BPL rules currently in place are too lax and already increase the general noise created by power lines significantly where being used. With all of the devices proliferating which generate radio frequency noise we should be looking at ways to lower the noise not increase it.

It is important to keep general HF noise to a minimum. There are a number of services that depend upon low noise in the HF portion of the spectrum. Some of these are DOD systems and if noise were to increase significantly these operations would be greatly hindered or eliminated. Billions of dollars have been spent developing them, which are so necessary for our national defense. We must not let them be compromised. I am sure there are many nations and drug dealers that would love to see the BPL rules relaxed.

Amateur radio is another area where low noise is desirable. Atmospheric noise already makes it difficult to copy low-level signals at times. Increasing the noise floor would make these efforts impossible. This is also true of people who engage in the hobby of short wave listening.

Thank you,
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